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**Elliot's Monograph of the Pittidæ.**—Part II of Mr. Elliot's 'Monograph of the Pittidæ' (see antea, p. 62, for notice of Part I), dated December, 1893, contains illustrations of the following species: *Eucichla ellioti*, *Pitta cærulea* (two plates, giving adult male and female and young), *Anthocincla phayeri*, *Pitta rufiventris*, *P. coronata*, *P. iris*, *P. ussheri*, *P. megarhyncha*, and *P. cucullata*. Very little appears to be known of the life-histories of these beautiful birds. In the few species where the nesting habits are known they appear to construct a domed nest on the ground and lay white eggs, heavily marked and streaked with dark colors.—J. A. A.

**Chapman on the Birds of the Island of Trinidad.**[1]—In this article Mr. Chapman has favored us with another of his excellent papers which so attractively combine entertaining popular description with scientific information. The first five pages are devoted to a general description of the Island of Trinidad and the separate localities where collections were made. A dissertation on the faunal position of Trinidad follows, succeeded by a bibliography of the Trinidad Avifauna. 'Additions to the Trinidad Avifauna' and 'Species described as new and Changes in Nomenclature' are the subjects immediately following, while 'General Remarks on Trinidad Bird-Life' include most interesting matter under the separate headings of 'Number of Species,' 'Migrations,' 'Call-Notes and Song,' 'Nesting,' and 'The Colors of Tropical Birds.' A list of all the species known to the author as having been taken in Trinidad completes the paper. This list, which is freely annotated, mentions 306 species, the last 3 of which, given on Léotaud's authority, Mr. Chapman is unable to identify. The list is rendered more valuable by mention of the local names, both English and French (the latter from Léotaud), and citation of equivalent names in both Léotaud's and Taylor's catalogues.

In the list of species I notice the omission of *Formicarius trinitatis* and *F. albicrissus*, described by me in the Proceedings of the U. S. National Museum, Vol. XIV, No. 871, p. 481. Whether any others have been overlooked I have not had time to ascertain.—R. R.

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